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**Re:** U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/673,532  
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 Serial No. : 09/673,532  
 For : IMAGE SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING AN  
 ADAPTATION PROCESS ON AN IMAGE SIGNAL (AS AMENDED)  
 Filed : November 27, 2000  
 Examiner : Helen Shibru  
 Art Unit : 2621

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	54	Minus	** =84	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	12	Minus	*** =24	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

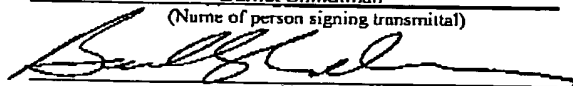
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 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of ----- is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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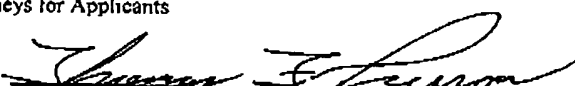
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 30, 2006 (October 28, 2006 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.